

Claim Amendments

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments to the claims:

Cancel claim 6.

Amend claim 1 as follows: An apparatus to alleviate pet thirst comprising:

[a] an edible reservoir having a wall, said wall having [a] an edible fill aperture and edible valves; said edible fill aperture having a ~~closeable~~ openable an edible cap, said edible cap when open allowing liquid to enter said edible reservoir through said edible fill aperture, said edible cap when closed denying egress from said edible reservoir; said edible valves having pressure actuated opening means, said edible valves under pressure allowing liquid to exit said edible reservoir, said edible valves when not under pressure allowing liquid to exit said edible reservoir, said edible valves when not under pressure denying egress from said edible reservoir.

Amend Claim 2 as follows: The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising an edible outer layer enclosing said wall, said edible outer layer having an aesthetic design.

Amend Claim 3 as follows: The apparatus of claim 2 further comprising indicia on said edible outer layer.

Amend claim 5 as follows: The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a noisemaker contained within said edible reservoir.

Amend claim 15 as follows: A pet care apparatus comprising a biodegradable reservoir having a wall, a fill aperture, and valves; said wall being adapted to hold liquid and being compressible; said fill aperture having an airtight openable threaded biodegradable screw cap; said threaded biodegradable screw cap when open permitting liquid to be introduced to said biodegradable reservoir through said fill aperture; said valves being slits deformable by pressure; whereby

creating a net greater pressure inside said biodegradable reservoir when said biodegradable reservoir contains liquid and when said threaded biodegradable screw cap is airtight will cause said liquid to exit said valves.

Amend claim 16 as follows: The pet care apparatus of claim 15 further comprising an edible outer layer attached to said wall, said edible outer layer having an aesthetic design.

Amend claim 17 as follows: The pet care apparatus of claim 16 wherein said edible outer layer bears indicia.

Amend claim 18 as follows: The pet care apparatus of claim 15 further comprising a cord ~~having~~
~~an attachment means, said attachment means being~~ attached to said pet care apparatus.

Amend claim 19 as follows: The pet care apparatus of claim 15 further comprising a ~~noisemaker, said noisemaker being contained within~~ wherein said biodegradable reservoir is edible.

Amend claim 20 as follows: The pet care apparatus of claim 15 further comprising a noisemaker ~~inside~~ biodegradable reservoir ~~having a nipple like structure, said nipple like structure~~ ~~extending from said wall, said valves being located on said nipple like structure and said~~ biodegradable reservoir has biodegradable valves.

Complete Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus to alleviate pet thirst comprising:

[a] an edible reservoir having a wall, said wall having [a] an edible fill aperture and edible valves; said edible fill aperture having ~~a~~ closeable openable an edible cap, said edible cap when open allowing liquid to enter said edible reservoir through said edible fill aperture, said edible cap when closed denying egress from said edible reservoir; said edible valves having pressure actuated opening means, said edible valves under pressure allowing liquid to exit said edible reservoir, said edible valves when not under pressure allowing liquid to exit said edible reservoir, said edible valves when not under pressure denying egress from said edible reservoir.

2. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising an edible outer layer enclosing said wall, said edible outer layer having an aesthetic design.

3. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 2 further comprising indicia on said edible outer layer.

4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a cord attached to said apparatus.

5. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a noisemaker contained within said edible reservoir.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Withdrawn) In combination:

a reservoir having a wall, said wall having a fill aperture and valves, said fill aperture having an openable cap, said valves comprising bores penetrating said wall;

a valve mechanism shaped substantially to fill said bores, said valve mechanism being capable of alternate movement substantially perpendicular to said wall, said valve mechanism having an

opening permitting liquid to flow from said reservoir during a first state of the alternate movement of said valve mechanism, said opening being blocked by said wall during a second state of the alternate movement of said valve mechanism;

return means urging said valve mechanism to said second state of the alternate movement of said valve mechanism;

said valve mechanism being movable to said first state of the alternate movement of said valve mechanism by application of pressure.

8. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 7 further comprising said pressure is applied to said valve mechanism.

9. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 7 further comprising said pressure is applied to said wall.

10. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 7 further comprising a cord having attachment means, said attachment means connecting said cord to said apparatus.

11. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 7 further comprising an outer layer attached to said wall, said outer layer having an aesthetic design.

12. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said outer layer bears indicia.

13. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 7 further comprising a noisemaker contained within said reservoir.

14. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 7 further comprising a nipple like structure, said nipple like structure extending from said wall, said valves being located on said nipple like structure.

15. (Currently amended) A pet care apparatus comprising a biodegradable reservoir having a wall, a fill aperture, and valves; said wall being adapted to hold liquid and being compressible;

said fill aperture having an airtight openable threaded biodegradable screw cap; said threaded biodegradable screw cap when open permitting liquid to be introduced to said biodegradable reservoir through said fill aperture; said valves being slits deformable by pressure; whereby creating a net greater pressure inside said biodegradable reservoir when said biodegradable reservoir contains liquid and when said threaded biodegradable screw cap is airtight will cause said liquid to exit said valves.

16. (Currently amended) The pet care apparatus of claim 15 further comprising an edible outer layer attached to said wall, said edible outer layer having an aesthetic design.

17. (Currently amended) The pet care apparatus of claim 16 wherein said edible outer layer bears indicia.

18. (Currently amended) The pet care apparatus of claim 15 further comprising a cord ~~having an attachment means, said attachment means being~~ attached to said pet care apparatus.

19. (Currently amended) The pet care apparatus of claim 15 ~~further comprising a noisemaker, said noisemaker being contained within~~ wherein said biodegradable reservoir is edible.

20. (Currently amended) The pet care apparatus of claim 15 further comprising a noisemaker inside said biodegradable reservoir ~~having a nipple like structure, said nipple like structure extending from said wall, said valves being located on said nipple like structure and said~~ biodegradable reservoir has biodegradable valves.